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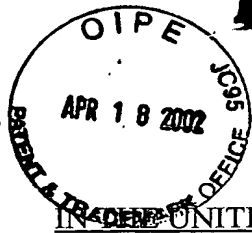
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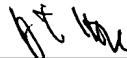
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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir or Madam:

This correspondence is in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2001 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), in which a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set. A petition for an extension of time for reply of three (3) months, i.e. from January 18, 2002 to April 18, 2002 inclusive, is being requested simultaneously herewith. The Office Action was made Final and a Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Response to an Office Action.